

Esther

Bible Story: Esther • *The Book of Esther*

Memory Verse: "I have come so they may have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way." *John 10:10b, NIV*

Bottom Line: Live like God has a plan for you.

Games

1. Rescue Me

What You Need: 4 cones

What You Do:

1. Use the cones to mark off the four corners of your playing area – make the space large enough for the kids to run around in.
2. Choose three kids to be "It."
3. If a player is tagged by "It," he/she must freeze and say, "Save me, save me!"
4. To become unfrozen, two people must grab hands around the frozen player and say, "We'll save you!" and the player is back in the game.
5. A player who is "It" may not tag players while their arms are linked trying to save someone else.
6. Play continues until everyone is tagged or as interest/stamina allow.

What You Say: "In this game, you needed some friends to save you! Esther hadn't planned on being the person God chose to save her people from Haman's evil plan. And it was scary for her to go before the king, but it was GOD's big plan. And because Esther trusted God, she saved her people. God has a plan for each one of you, too. You need to be like Esther and **[Bottom Line] live like God has a plan for you.**

2. King Can I?

What You Need: no supplies

What You Do:

1. This game is a version of "Mother May I?" Select a child to be the "King" and stand about 15 feet from the rest of the group. Instruct the group to spread out so they have space to walk and follow commands.
2. The "King" will call out one kid at a time and a random number of steps.
3. That child MUST say, "King Can I?" and the "King" must answer, "Yes, you may" before the he/she can walk the given number of steps.
4. If a kid forgets to ask "King Can I?" he/she must return to the starting line.
5. The first kid to get to the "King" becomes the new "King."
6. Repeat as time and interest allow. Give the "King" options for different types of steps/movements – baby, giant, crawling, backwards, marching, on your knees, crabwalk, etc.

What You Say: "That was super fun! You've probably played a version of this game before. In our Bible story today, we heard the amazing story of Esther. She was SO brave. Esther could have been killed for choosing to go in front of the king without being summoned first. But God was with her and

had a BIG plan for her life. She chose to trust Him even though she was right in the middle of very scary situation. The same is true for you. When you know you need to make the wise choice, remember to **[Bottom Line] live like God has a plan for you.**"